

Invitation to the Public Hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Foreign Missions Center Master Plan at the Former Walter Reed Army Medical Center

The U.S. Department of State (DOS) invites you to attend a Public Hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 to identify a Preferred Alternative to prepare a master plan for the long-term development of a Foreign Missions Center, under authorities of the Foreign Missions Act of 1982, on a portion of the site of the former Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC) in the District of Columbia. The master plan is intended to guide the development of a cohesive campus by establishing design and land-use planning principles for the construction of new buildings, roadways, open green space, and utilities, while minimizing environmental impacts.

The Department of State invites individuals, organizations and agencies to submit comments concerning the content and findings of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement during the Public Hearing. Doors will open at 6:00pm and the Hearing will start promptly at 6:30 pm. Participants submitting oral comments will be asked to sign-in at the Public Hearing and will be allowed no more than 3 minutes each to make comments, providing ample opportunity for participants to express their views.

Thursday, March 6, 2014

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Tifereth Israel Congregation

7701 16th Street, NW (16th & Juniper Streets)

Cherner Auditorium

Washington, D.C. 20012

All comments on the Draft EIS process must be submitted by March 31, 2014, to ensure that they are considered during preparation of the Final EIS. The public can provide comments in the following ways:

- 1) Oral and written comments may be submitted during the Public Hearing
- 2) Email comments to FMC.info@state.gov
- 3) Mail comments to (post-marked no later than March 31, 2014)

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The Department of State will consider all comments received on the Draft EIS in preparing the Final EIS. The public comment period started with the publication of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register, ending on March 31, 2014.

In addition, the DOS is continuing to carry out the review process under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 regarding the potential effect of the proposed undertaking on identified historic properties. Public comments regarding the effect of the proposed undertaking on identified historic properties will be accepted as part of the DEIS review process.

The Draft EIS for the Foreign Missions Center Master Plan is available online at <http://www.state.gov/ofm/property/fmc/index.htm>. Copies are also available for public review at the following libraries: Juanita E. Thornton-Shepherd Park Library, Takoma Park Neighborhood Library, and Petworth Neighborhood Library.